New Air stations in Gujarat

139. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to Commission new All India Radio Stations in Gujarat during the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) However, a new Radio Station with 1 KW MW Transmitter at Ahwa in Gujarat is under implementation and is envisaged to be technically ready by March, 1993. The station can be commissioned thereafter, when the staff required for its operation and maintenance is in position.

Expenditure on 24th International film Festival of India

140. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMOTION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent on the 24th International Film Festival of India held in January this year;

(b) the number of times the International Film Festivals have been organised in India and what has been the venues thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to shift the venue from New Delhi to other important places in the country in future; and

(d) if so, what are the plans of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Government sanctioned budget of Rs. 106.50 lakhs for organising International Film Festival of India held in Delhi in January, 1993;

(b) The Festival has been organised 24 times so far in India by rotating its venue every year among major film producing centres viz. Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Trivandrum besides New Delhi.

(c) and (d) International Film Festival of India does not have a permanent venue. Besides New Delhi, the Festival is organised at major film producing centres of India by rotation with the co-operation on respective State Governments. The next festival shall be held at Calcutta.

Installation of High and Low Power Thansmitters TV stations

141. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places selected for the installation of high and low power transmitter TV station in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) what are the district-wise details thereof;

(c) what proposals have been submitted by Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard;

(d) what steps have been taken to implement these proposals; and

(e) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The information is placed in the Statement attached (*See* below).